

Central States Communication Association Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity Caucus

2022 Business Meeting
Thursday, April 1, 4:30–5:15pm
Madison, Wisconsin

Purpose: The annual meeting of the SOGI Caucus to discuss current and relevant issues as we plan for the conference in 2023.

- I. Call to Order
 - A. William Sipe called the meeting to order at 4:32pm in Madison, WI.
- II. Re-Connecting in person
- III. Welcome & Introduction of Officers
 - A. Chair: William Sipe, University of Nebraska-Lincoln (present)
 - B. Vice Chair: Scott Sellnow-Richmond, Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville (present by phone)
 - C. Secretary: Dominic Walker-Pecoraro, University of Utah (absent)
- IV. Adoption of the Agenda
 - A. Moved by Nick Lorang; seconded by Stephanie Young. Motion passes.

Old Business

- I. Approval of the 2021 Meeting Minutes
 - A. Moved by Nick Lorang; seconded by Scott Sellnow-Richmond. Motion passes.
- II. 2022 Conference Update
 - A. 5 total session slots allocated (including the business meeting and networking session)
 1. Networking session went well but was double-booked with another panel. Both were well attended.
 - B. 6 papers submitted (up from 1 submission last year), 5 were accepted
 - C. No discussion panels submitted
 - D. 3 total panels at this year's conference
- III. Budget
 - A. Expenditures: \$150 total (3 awards x \$50)
 - B. Funds Remaining: \$50 (endowment)

- IV. Recognition of 2021 Award Winners (Justin Rudnick, Past Chair & Awards Committee Chair)
- A. Congratulations to our past winners from last year!
1. **James W. Chesebro Award for Scholarly Distinction:** Ahmet Atay (College of Wooster) & Michaela Meyer (Christopher Newport University)
 2. **Innovator Award:**
 - a. **Edited Collection:** Michaela Meyer (Christopher Newport University) & Rachel A. Griffin (University of Utah), *Adventures in Shondaland: Identity politics and the power of representation*. Rutgers University Press, 2018.
 - b. **Special Issue:** Anthony Rodendo Zariñana (University of New Mexico), Eddie Gamboa (Governors State University), Justin J. Rudnick (Minnesota State University-Mankato), Jade Tumazi (San Francisco State University), Billy Huff (University of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign), Amber Johnson (Saint Louis University), Felt sex: Erotic affects and a case for critical erotic/a. *Departures in Critical Qualitative Inquiry*, 9(3), 2020.
 3. **Outstanding Scholarship Awards:**
 - a. Sarah E. Jones (Ohio University), Negotiating transgender identity at work: A movement to theorize a transgender standpoint epistemology. *Management Communication Quarterly*, 34, 2020.
 - b. Dominic Walker-Pecoraro (University of Utah), Cut, snap: Tales of queer face and privacy. *Journal of Autoethnography*, 1(2), 2020.
 - c. Justin J. Rudnick (Minnesota State University-Mankato), Painted nails: The gender(ed) performance of queer sexuality. *Women & Language*, 43(1), 2020.
 - d. Jimmie Manning (University of Nevada-Reno), Godfried Asante (San Diego State University), Lydie Huerta Moreno (University of Nevada-Reno), Rebecca Johnson (University of Kansas), Benny LeMaster (Arizona State University), Yachao Li (College of New Jersey), Justin J. Rudnick (Minnesota State University-Mankato), Danielle M. Stern (Christopher Newport University), Stephanie Young (University of Southern Indiana), Queering communication studies: A *Journal of Applied Communication Research* forum. *Journal of Applied Communication Research*, 48(4), 2020.
 4. **Top Paper:** Evan Schares (Villanova University), "Armed Archives: Photography and Homonationalist Intimate Repertoires in Evan Bachner's 'At Ease: Navy Men of World War II'"

New Business

- I. Presentation of 2022 Awards (Justin Rudnick, Past Chair & Awards Committee Chair)
- A. Justin Rudnick announced this year's award winners.

1. **Jimmie Manning Top Paper Award:** Matthew Heinz, Royal Roads University, "Temporality in Transcultural Transgender Identity Narratives"
 2. **Innovator Award:**
 - a. Gender Futurity, Intersectional Autoethnography: Embodied Theorizing from the Margins. Edited by Cypress A Reign and Lore/tta LeMaster. Routledge, 2020.
 - b. [Special issue on transgender rhetorics not listed here]
 3. **Outstanding Scholarship:**
 - a. Lore/tta LeMaster & Michael Tristano Jr., (2021) Performing (Asian American trans) femme on RuPaul's Drag Race: dis/orienting racialized gender, or, performing trans femme of color, regardless, Journal of International and Intercultural Communication, DOI: 10.1080/17513057.2021.1955143
 - b. Dooling, D. (2021). The Scoutmaster's Son: Queering the Personal and Professional. Journal of Autoethnography, 2(2), 194-214.
 4. No nominations received this year for the James Chesebro Award for Scholarly Distinction.
- II. Justin Rudnick moved to amend the SOGI bylaws concerning our awards committee and procedures. Jimmie Manning seconded. Discussion follows.
- A. Justin Rudnick presented changes to the SOGI caucus bylaws (attached) to bring our bylaws into alignment with our current practices. These changes include updates reflecting recent awards committee practices, notably including the requirement that at least one author (for single- or joint-authored publications) or editor (for edited collections) be a SOGI caucus member at the time of nomination. (See attached amendment language.)
 - B. Some discussion follows about a past requirement where nominators needed to be SOGI caucus members, but that requirement has been done away with several years ago.
 - C. Jimmie Manning suggests that in a future year, we consider an amendment to our awards procedures to
 - a. Stephanie Young moved to amend the proposed amendments as follows. Tony Adams seconded. Amended language (Article X) attached.
 - i. Motion passes.
 - D. Motion passes.
- III. Nick Lorang moves to amend the SOGI bylaws Article XV regarding voting requirements for bylaws amendments to read: "If the amendment is approved by $\frac{3}{4}$ of the Caucus members present and voting, the Chair..." Jimmie Manning seconds.
- A. Motion passes.
- IV. 2023 Conference information: Scott Sellnow-Richmond

V. Election of Officers

A. Secretary

1. The Secretary serves a 3-year term, becoming the Vice Chair and Chair in subsequent years.
2. From the Bylaws: The Secretary/Vice Chair-elect shall assist the Vice Chair as necessary with planning the CSCA conference of the coming year, cooperate with the Second Vice President of CSCA as necessary to plan the conference of the year after that, and prepare for the Office of Chair by becoming familiar with these bylaws and other Caucus procedures. The Vice Chair-Elect shall assume the Office of Vice Chair when the Vice Chair's term expires or when the Vice Chair otherwise vacates the office. As Secretary this officer will record the minutes at each meeting and distribute copies of the minutes to all members prior to the next meeting.
3. Call for Nominations
4. Floor is opened for nominations.
5. Jimmie Manning self-nominates himself; Justin Rudnick seconds. Motion passes.
6. Vote passes. Welcome Jimmie Manning, new secretary of the SOGI caucus!

- B. Discussion follows about the possibility of Dominic Walker-Pecoraro resigning as the current secretary (incoming Vice Chair). Those present confirm that the bylaws allow the Chair to appoint an officer to fill a temporary vacancy.

VI. Transition of Officers (Scott Sellnow-Richmond, Incoming Chair, unable to attend)

VII. Announcements

- A. One more panel: On Being 30: Queer Retrospectives, Saturday 9:30–10:45am
- B. [Volunteers for Reviewers, Respondents, & Chairs](#) - Please fill out this form to sign up!
- C. Scott Sellnow-Richmond recognizes his student, who contributed a paper to the panel.
- D. Congratulations to all presenters! Have a great CSCA!

VIII. Adjournment

- A. Meeting adjourned.